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MAN SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

PHOENIX –The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on April 23, 2004, Everett Lee, 10/5/71, of Tuba City, Arizona, was sentenced to 108 months in the Bureau of Prisons, by United States District Judge David G. Campbell, in Phoenix. Upon his release from prison he will be on supervised release for the rest of his life under the guidance of the Federal Probation Department. The defendant must serve a minimum of 85 percent of his prison time before he is eligible for release.

Everett Lee had been found guilty by jury on December 12, 2003 of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

On August 8, 2003, the defendant went to the home of the four year old female victim in Tuba City. A family friend, who had been left in charge of the victim and the family home while the victim's mother was out of town, entered the residence and found the defendant in the house, even though she had locked the door before she left earlier that day. The defendant told her that he had been asked to watch the home by the victim's father. When contacted later, the father denied that he had asked the defendant to watch the home. The family friend went into a

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bedroom, and left the victim with the defendant and the friend's brother in the living room to watch television. The brother later went into the bedroom where his sister was and told her that the defendant had taken the victim to another bedroom. The friend then pounded on that bedroom door, which was held shut by the defendant. When she got in to the room, she found the victim on the bed with a pillow over her face and body. The victim was wearing shorts belonging to an older child that were different than the shorts she had been wearing when the defendant took her into the bedroom, and her underwear were on backwards. The defendant told her he was putting the victim to bed. The defendant was interviewed and admitted that he had taken off the victim's pants and underwear and touched her vaginal area. He then hurriedly dressed her when he heard someone at the bedroom door and grabbed the wrong shorts to put on the victim.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Lt. Michael Begay of the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations and Special Agent Mark Robel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution was handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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